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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 IN RE THE ESTATE OF LARRY LEE
COVELLO,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 NORDSTROM, INC,

14 Defendant.
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CASE NO. C18-1025-MJP

ORDER ON MOTION FOR
RECUSAL

16 THIS MATTER comes before the Court on Plaintiff's Motion for Recusal. (Dkt. No.
17 15.) Having reviewed the request, the Court declines to recuse herself. Plaintiff's motion
18 appears to arise from a concern that Judge Pechman was previously employed by the law firm
19 Lane Powell PC, which represents Defendant in this matter. Plaintiff appears to be concerned
20 that Judge Pechman might have "a personal bias or prejudice" as a result.

21 A judge of the United States shall disqualify herself in any proceeding in which her
22 impartiality "might reasonably be questioned." 28 U.S.C. § 455(a). A judge also shall disqualify
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1 herself where she has “a personal bias or prejudice concerning a party or personal knowledge of
2 disputed evidentiary facts concerning the proceeding.” 28 U.S.C. § 455(b)(1).

3 Plaintiff’s request provides no evidence of bias or prejudice against him on the part of the
4 Court. Judge Pechman has never been employed by Lane Powell PC. However, even were this
5 not the case, the request would be denied as Judge Pechman has been on the bench since 1988
6 and has no personal knowledge of disputed evidentiary facts concerning this matter.

7 The Court therefore declines to recuse. In accordance with Local Rules 3(e), this matter
8 is referred to U.S. Chief District Judge Ricardo S. Martinez for review.

9 The clerk is ordered to provide copies of this order to all counsel.

10 Dated August 7, 2018.

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13 Marsha J. Pechman
14 United States District Judge
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